



Fareham
Academy



Starting at Fareham Academy

September 2025



Introducing Mrs Pocknell

I am delighted that you will be attending Fareham Academy in September, we are excited to meet you. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Mrs Pocknell, and I have the great privilege of being your Head of Year. I wanted to take a moment to personally welcome you to Fareham Academy, where we will be spending the next year together, growing, learning, and making memories that will last a lifetime.

I understand that many young people may feel a mixture of excitement, fear and nerves as they get ready to start secondary school, that's completely normal! I am very aware of how big this transition is, but do not worry, our school community will do everything we can to help you settle into a new routine here at Fareham Academy.

As your Head of Year, my main goal is to ensure you feel safe, supported, and valued. Year 7 is a time for discovering new things, building new friendships, and learning both inside and outside of the classroom. We will celebrate your achievements, encourage your growth, and work together to make this year a fantastic experience. You will be challenged in new ways, and there will be moments when you feel pushed outside your comfort zone. But remember, growth happens when we face challenges, and you are more than capable of succeeding. I am excited to watch each of you develop into confident and resilient individuals.

We have the highest aspirations for every one of our students and are here to support, challenge and nurture you to reach their full potential. My expectations are clear: students should maintain excellent attendance and punctuality, as well as high standards of behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. But above all, I expect students to be polite and respectful towards one another, championing each other's successes.

Over transition week and in September, we will have plenty of opportunities to get to know each other better, and I encourage you to be yourself, ask questions, and take every opportunity to engage with the school community. You'll have the chance to explore subjects that interest you, join clubs, participate in activities, and create lasting friendships.

Please know that I am here for you, whether you need guidance from me as your Head of Year, have questions, or simply want to chat. I believe in each and every one of you, and I can't wait to see what this year brings. I am sure that you will have a wonderful transition experience, and I am looking forward to sharing your successful journey through Secondary Education at Fareham Academy.



Introducing Mrs Hughes

Dear Year 7 Students,

I am delighted to welcome you to Fareham Academy as your Head of Key Stage. I will be another person to help guide and support you throughout your time at our School

We are absolutely thrilled to have you join us as you begin this exciting adventure into secondary school life. Over the next five years, you'll have the chance to grow, explore, and make unforgettable memories with us.

Secondary school is not just about lessons and grades – it's about discovering new interests, forming lasting friendships, and becoming a part of a community. We have an amazing range of extracurricular activities that you can get involved in, from football, netball other sports teams, to drama productions, music performances, and even ski trips! Whether you're interested in being part of a school play, travelling to new places, or representing the school on the sports field, there is something for everyone. These activities offer more than just fun; they are an opportunity to develop new skills, meet new people, and really get stuck into the heart of school life. By joining clubs, teams, and school events, you'll feel part of a community that supports and encourages you to grow both inside and outside the classroom.

The next five years will fly by, so make the most of every moment. Challenge yourself to try new things, take on leadership roles, and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Most importantly, remember that your teachers, peers, and the wider school community are here to support you, and we want to help you thrive in every way possible.

We're excited to see all that you'll achieve and the wonderful things you will contribute to our school. Get ready for an incredible journey ahead!

Welcome to the next chapter of your education. We're so glad you're here and can't wait to see you shine!

Mrs Hughes

Fareham Academy will look bigger than your current school. You might be worried about getting lost.
Here is a map of the school.

Fareham Academy Site Map

A BLOCK

English
Geography
History
Philosophy, Religion & Ethics
Physical Education

B BLOCK

Science

C BLOCK

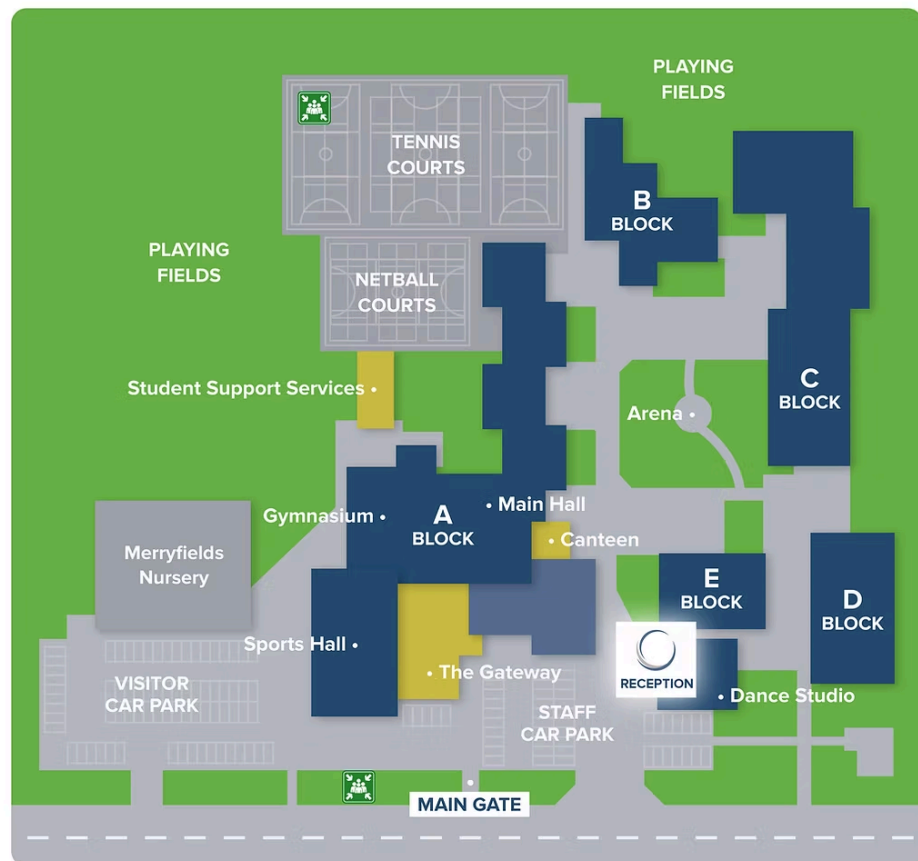
Art & Textiles
Child Development
Computer Science
Design & Technology
Maths & Statistics
Music
Personal Development Learning

D BLOCK

Drama
Learning Resource Center
Modern Foreign Languages

E BLOCK

Food Preparation & Nutrition
The Link Centre



Most of our students say that after 2 weeks they felt confident about where to find everything.
But staff and students are all friendly and happy to help you find your way.

Introducing the Senior Leadership Team



Mr Pranker
Headteacher

I am incredibly proud to say I am Fareham Academy's Headteacher and excited to be leading the school on its journey, Unlocking Potential and Creating Opportunity for every student and staff member of our team.

Graduating from the University of Exeter with BSc (Hons) in Biological & Medicinal Chemistry, I qualified as a teacher of Science in 2005. I have had a challenging and varied career working at a number of Hampshire's 'Outstanding' schools. My experience has seen me lead departments, head up pastoral care, oversee outcomes for students and most recently lead whole school Teaching, Learning and Curriculum. Every school I have worked in has seen strong improvements in results, achievements and student wellbeing.

Joining the Academy as Headteacher in 2019 is the pinnacle of my career. To me, education is the key to each child's future and it is our responsibility to nurture the potential of each individual so that they leave us with a world of opportunity ahead of them. It has truly been my pleasure to lead a caring and forward-thinking school, where academic achievement and the personal development of each child go hand in hand.

As a father myself I fully understand the responsibility we have to keep safe and nurture our students academically and socially, allowing them to flourish as responsible young adults when they leave us to continue their journey into the world.

I am honoured to call myself the Deputy Headteacher at Fareham Academy and always feel excited to be part of a young person's journey through their school career, supporting them in unlocking their potential and creating opportunities.

In 2007, I qualified as a Drama teacher with a fresh PGCE and BA Hons (Theatre Studies) under my belt, beginning my own exciting journey in teaching. My career has taken me across a variety of schools in the south, driving improvement, standards, equity, and wellbeing for all.

I believe in lifelong learning, which is why I strive to continue my own education. I completed my Masters in Education in 2018 and my NPQH in 2024. Joining the team at Fareham Academy in 2024 marks the continuation of this learning journey for me, as well as enabling me to support everyone around me on theirs.

As a mother of two boys, I understand the challenges of being a twenty-first century parent, and I take my responsibility for young people engaging in education and achieving their dreams very seriously. By working together, we can enable our young people to achieve real success.



Miss Roberts
**Deputy
Headteacher**



Mr Lock
Senior Assistant
Headteacher

As a Senior Assistant Headteacher at Fareham Academy School, I bring a wealth of experience and a passion for holistic education. My journey in the field of education began in 2009 when I graduated from Chichester University with a degree in PE QTS. Since then, I have held a variety of roles in both state and independent schools, including Teacher, Head of Year, Head of Department, and Assistant Principal.

My teaching philosophy centres around educating the 'whole' child. I believe that learning extends beyond the classroom and includes a wide range of experiences such as trips, visits, workshops, clubs, fixtures, and career opportunities. This approach allows me to engage students on multiple levels and foster a love of learning that will serve them well throughout their lives.

In terms of subject expertise, I teach PE, Maths, and Personal Development. Each of these subjects offers unique opportunities to impact students' lives, and I am committed to making the most of these opportunities. My goal is to create an inclusive and stimulating learning environment where every student feels valued and inspired to reach their full potential.

I have had the pleasure of working at Fareham Academy for a number of years alongside the incredible students, parents, and community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my journey so far, both in the classroom and as a member of the Pastoral Team. I am passionate about supporting all our students to become the best versions of themselves and encouraging them to take every opportunity available to them. I enjoy building positive relationships with all the different stakeholders to maximise the outcomes for our young people.

I have a BA (Hons) in History from the University of Aberystwyth in Wales, graduating in 2008. I then went on to complete my Postgraduate Certificate in Education through Chichester University in 2011.

I am very proud and excited to be part of the Fareham Academy Senior Leadership Team. I look forward to continuing to drive pastoral care and supporting our students in their future prospects.



Mrs Knight
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr Geddes
Assistant
Headteacher

As an Assistant Headteacher at Fareham Academy, I have various responsibilities to support the school. I enjoy helping both the students and the school, raising their aspirations, and unlocking their potential through effective use of data. This ensures that teaching and learning are tailored as individually as possible, giving all pupils the opportunity to achieve their best.

I hold a BSc (Hons) Combined Science degree in Mathematics with Sports Exercise Science, which I studied at Nottingham Trent University. After working in industry for five years, I qualified as a teacher in 2010 from Portsmouth University. Since then, I have worked as a Mathematics teacher and subsequently as Head of Department at a school near Portsmouth. During my time there, I was fortunate to gain the National Professional Qualification for Middle Leaders (NPQML) and have also studied for the Senior Leaders Qualification (NPQSL).

I am proud to be an Assistant Headteacher at Fareham Academy and, in particular, supporting students to build on our core values of Resilience, Aspiration and Kindness. I'm committed to ensuring an inclusive environment for all students to thrive and succeed.

I graduated from the University of Exeter with a BSc in Exercise and Sport Sciences in 2008 and went on to qualify as a teacher in 2010. I have worked as a PE teacher and Head of Department in a variety of different settings across London and Southampton. This has given me a range of experiences in developing teaching and learning, raising standards, and improving opportunities for students beyond the classroom. I am currently studying towards my Senior Leaders Qualification (NPQSL).



Mr Needham-Beck
Assistant
Headteacher

Fareham Academy

Uniform

Plain white shirt (long or short sleeve) and school tie

School black blazer

School black "V" necked jumper with blue inlay - no hoodies



Black trousers - no cord, joggers, jeans or leggings

Grey, black or white socks

Plain black entirely leather shoes are to be worn. No boots, dolly shoes, sports trainers or canvas shoes are allowed

School jumpers do not have to be worn at all times, however blazers must be worn every day.

Hair & make-up

Styles should not be extreme in fashion. No outrageous or unusual colours are permitted. Shaved heads are not acceptable. Students can be sent home if they come to school with a hair cut close to their scalp. Year 11 students are permitted to wear discreet make-up and clear natural coloured nail varnish. Students in all other years are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish and will be asked to remove it.

Jewellery

Students may only wear:

- a watch
- a single chain with a religious symbol, hidden from view
- Single studs in the ear

Please note that no other jewellery will be allowed.